

## VERY NEAR FINISHED

ARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MANEUVERS OF THE REGULAR ARMY AND NATIONAL GUARD AT MANASSAS AND THOROUGHFARE GAP.

THE SOLDIERS WILL BE GIVEN MANY LUXURIES—THEY ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO ARRIVE.

(By Publishers' Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—The preparations for the mammoth army maneuvers of the regular army and National Guard organizations have nearly been completed at Manassas, Va., and at Thoroughfare Gap, where the two big camps of the rival armies are to be located.

Already troops are beginning to arrive, and Virginia in that vicinity has more of a martial air than it has ever had since the civil war.

Never during the war, however, were troops of the opposing armies given the comforts, and even luxuries which they are to enjoy during the period of the maneuvers. Each big camp, not including the camp at Gainesville, Va., where the corps headquarters will be located, has been fitted up at an expenditure of nearly \$17,000. Two miles and a half from Manassas, just one mile from the old Bull Run battlefield, has been located maneuver camp No. 1, where 15,000 troops will be stationed under the command of Brigadier General Fred D. Grant. Here, in less than four weeks, and with a total working force of 150 men, Captain Adelbert Cronkite, quartermaster, U. S. A., has made preparations for the big army, which will arrive in force on the 27th and 28th of August. Spurs of the Southern railway have been run from Manassas station across the fields to the camp, and trains are arriving each hour with supplies of food, clothing, ammunition and the many other things which will be needed by the army during the maneuvers. Everywhere is bustle and activity, but nowhere, such is the excellence of the management, is there confusion. Uncle Sam's officers are showing themselves to be good business men at Manassas these days, as well as good soldiers.

In a gap in the mountains has been located maneuver camp No. 2, where General Bell will have his army. The Thoroughfare and Manassas camps have been made as nearly similar as possible, a description of one answers for the other.

### \$5,000.00 TO WAGER.

As there has been more or less talk in certain quarters about the weakness of some of the Republican candidates, a responsible party who has confidence in their ability to win, and faith in the cause they represent, has placed with the West Virginian the sum of \$5,000.00 and authorized it to make the following wagers:

\$1,000.00

That Harry Shaw will be elected Prosecuting Attorney and the whole Republican county ticket with him.

\$1,000.00

That C. W. Swisher will be elected Secretary of State and the whole Republican State ticket with him.

\$1,000.00

That Roosevelt will carry West Virginia and be elected President.

\$2,000.00

That he will win all three bets.

Any person desiring to invest his money in the manner indicated may take any one or all of the bets.

### Fine Gowns Destroyed.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 23.—Magnificent Parisian gowns valued at half a million dollars were ruined by heavy rains which passed over the World's Fair grounds. The gowns are in the Palace of Manufacturers. The valuation is made by Marcel Estieu, acting commissioner general of France, who has investigated the havoc wrought by the water. The gowns were exhibited by French dressmakers and were one of the most interesting features of the manufacturers' building.

## MAIL POUCH CUT

BOLD ROBBER OPENS ONE AT LOCAL DEPOT THIS MORNING. VERY LITTLE CAN BE LEARNED ABOUT THE CASE.

The robbery, or attempted robbery, in the Baltimore & Ohio station early this morning has been the topic of much discussion throughout the city to-day. Very little can be learned about it except that some time near the arrival of No. 7, the Chicago express, an exchange mail sack was slit open with a sharp knife, but whether or not any of the contents were removed the authorities are unable to determine.

The postoffice officials here have nothing to do with the matter, the sack not having passed through their hands in any way, and they can give little information regarding what is at present a deep mystery to every one.

Postmaster Fleming was telephoned at Oakland this morning, but he had left there, and is supposed to be on his way home.

Assistant Wilbur Brand is in Atlantic City, and the other members of the force have been reluctant to take any steps in the matter, especially as they consider it entirely out of their jurisdiction. Railroad Inspector Lippincott and Post Office Inspector Allen have both been notified and will probably arrive here to-day to make a thorough investigation.

No clew can be obtained from the night agent at the station, as he was aware of the presence of no suspicious looking character, and was as much surprised as any one when he discovered that the bag had been opened.

The police are on the lookout for every clew possible, and no stone will be left unturned to fathom the mystery.

### Populist Ticket Named.

PARKERSBURG, Aug. 23.—Leaders of the Populist party of this State held a meeting Saturday at the Commercial Hotel, in this city, and named the following electoral ticket:

First district, T. M. Stone, Wetzel.  
Second, R. S. Davis, Hampshire.  
Third, A. C. Houston, Monroe.  
Fourth, A. B. Thorn, Roane.  
Fifth, J. P. Pickens, Mason.

At Large, John E. Stealey, of Harrison, and W. C. Raleigh, of Wood.

Several counties were represented. National Committeeman Joseph A. Parker, of Louisville, was present, as was also Hon. S. H. Piersoll, chairman of the State Committee. A vigorous State campaign was mapped out.

### Desires Further Information.

(By Publishers' Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—Acting Secretary of State Adese this morning cables to United States Minister Conger, at Peking, asking for further light upon the situation in regard to Chinese neutrality and the occurrence at Shanghai and Chefoo. It is stated that no action will be taken by the State Department until after a reply shall have been received.

### Boys Having Fun.

Much complaint against the street fair is heard from the business men and older people of the town. There isn't a child in town, though, that regrets the coming of the carnival people, and from morning until late at night, the favored (?) streets are thronged with delighted youngsters.

### American Cyclist Dead.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—George Leander, of Chicago, the well known American cyclist, is dead as the result of an accident at Parc des Princes. The accident occurred while he was riding behind a motor cycle which was traveling at the rate, it is stated, of 92 kilometers, about 57 miles, an hour.

### Senator Hoar Yet Alive.

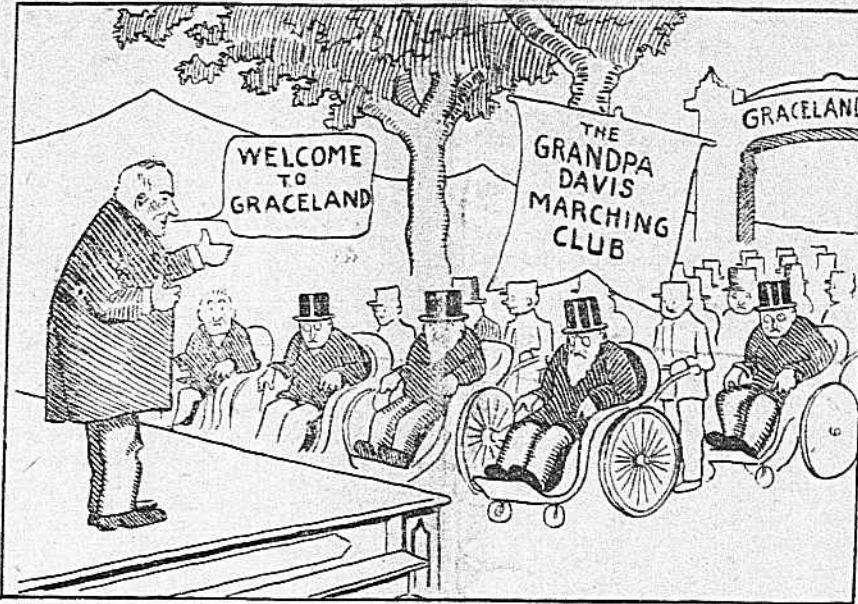
WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 23.—General Rockwood Hoar said this morning: "Senator Hoar passed a comfortable night. He is practically the same as he was yesterday. He has taken very little nourishment. He is conscious, but has been lightly under opiates."

Mrs. Charles Ritchie will probably go to Harper's Ferry within the week, where she hopes to gain her release from hay fever.

Miss Bertha Eliason, who has been indisposed for a long time, is gradually declining.

There will be a call meeting of the W. C. T. U. to-night in Willard Hall.

## CAMPAIGN OF GRANDPA DAVIS.



He welcomes a delegation of constituents.

—Chicago Tribune.

## NO RUSH TO THE OIL CITY

ONLY TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE TICKETS BOUGHT AT THE LOCAL TICKET OFFICE FOR THE MANNINGTON CONVENTION.

BARNES' SPEECH VERY TAME. NO ENTHUSIASM—CORNWELL NOT THERE—MAIN FIGHT BETWEEN VINCENT AND LOWE.

Probably 150 people went to Mannington this morning to attend the Democratic county convention. They were not all Democrats. On the contrary many were Republicans who went to see how easy the slate work would be put through. Two hundred and twenty-one railroad tickets were purchased, but there were not enough people about the depot to use them, or enough who were interested in seeing what the Democrats were about to do. It was an opportunity for a free ride, and a visit to Marion county's second city that will not soon present itself again, and if our friends, the "enemy," expected to make a big showing from Fairmont they were considerably disappointed.

MANNINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 23.—A small number of Democrats assembled here to-day for the county convention. There are many Republicans here to see the fun.

The convention was called to order at 11 o'clock A. M., by committee chairman, James L. Erwin, who named C. C. Coffman temporary secretary, J. G. Pritchard assistant secretary, and J. Walter Barnes temporary chairman. Barnes read his speech amid the absence of applause an enthusiasm. He began by apologizing for the issues of their campaign, and said that they had changed. Then his civil government was called into use and he struggled with Hamilton and Jefferson, saying that he himself is a Jeffersonian, but the mighty and "dangerous" Roosevelt is of the type of Hamilton, and quoted the opinion of President Harper, of Chicago University, as coinciding with his.

At the mention of Bryan's name the delegation actually applauded. A few minutes were taken up in assailing the protective tariff, and then Parker's name called forth a very light cheer. He said he saw some Filipinos at the World's Fair and that he was against annexation, and in favor of taking down our flag and bringing it home to nqamma. "The money question is no longer an issue," and he went on to shamefully malign the dead by laying the Cleveland hard times on Benjamin Harrison, deceased.

Henry Cassaway's name called forth cheer No. 3, about as weak as though the convention was made up of octogenarians. He called Roosevelt a spendthrift, and said that the Democrats could do nothing if their national ticket could possibly be elected. He said we should lookout for men, not principles! Then following the example of Henry G., his memory failed, and he said: "Fellow teachers, the mind is divided into three parts," and such psychological instruction as he gave is seldom heard in our leading universities. Finally, he saw some of the delegates asleep and he appealed for harmony, made his bow and sat down.

Tusca Morris moved to appoint committees. None on resolutions was appointed. The following are the members of the committees.

On Credentials—Mannington, E. J. Thomas; Paw Paw, Marcus Ice; Lin-

coln, M. V. Millen; Winfield, R. A. Musgrave; Grant, Harrison Manley; Union, C. B. Barnes; Fairmont, Arthur P. Martin.

On Permanent Organization—Mannington, J. F. Beatty; Paw Paw, D. F. Clayton; Lincoln, Claude L. Davis; Winfield, R. C. Vincent; Grant, G. W. Gallaher; Union, Jacob Harr; Fairmont, J. L. Erwin.

On Order of Business—Mannington, C. R. Snodgrass; Paw Paw, D. P. Cunningham; Lincoln, Charles Kohler; Winfield, J. H. Bainbridge; Grant, D. C. Waugh; Union, T. C. Gallahue; Fairmont, Tusca Morris.

Great disappointment is felt because John J. Cornwell could not be present, as was intended.

Chas. E. Manley will easily win the nomination for sheriff. The main fight is between Scott Lowe and George Vincent for the nomination for prosecuting attorney. It was thought that Vincent had no show, but he is making a hard fight and will likely win unless he is not given fair play.

3:00 P. M.—Scott C. Lowe won the nomination for prosecuting attorney over George Vincent by a vote of about 180 to 55.

The candidate for sheriff, will be nominated next. Interest has now died out.

## DYNAMITERS AT WORK

ATTEMPTED TO RELEASE WATER FROM GRAND RESERVOIR LAST NIGHT—MANY LIVES WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 23.—A dynamiter Monday night attempted to blow the bulkhead and release the waters of Grand reservoir, the largest artificial body of water in the world. Had he succeeded, the city of St. Mary's and the valleys of the St. Mary's, Auglaize and Maumee rivers would have been flooded. The disastrous results and the consequent loss of life that would have attended the success of the dynamiters cannot be reckoned. The State Board of Public Works was this morning notified of the attempt to blow up the bulkhead, and Chief Engineer Perkins and Member Kirtley, of the board, hastened to St. Mary's to place detectives on the case and station guards at the bulkhead. Grand reservoir is part of the canal system and comprises 1,300 acres of water on an average depth of eight feet.

### Report Not Believed.

CHEEFOO, Aug. 23.—According to the story told by the refugees, the Japanese on Aug. 21 were hotly pressing the Russian center along the railway and the Russian right near Golden Hill. Later, they say, the Japanese occupied Tai-Ping Tse. Local experts, however, do not believe that the Japanese have reached General Stoessel's residence.

Harry Smith, one of the popular employees at Roush's Restaurant, is wearing a broad smile to-day over the arrival of a baby girl at his home, in Mt. Pleasant, Pa. Harry reports the wife and daughter doing fine.

We carry all sizes of sewer pipe from 3 to 24 inches. Prompt delivery. Call us on either phone. J. L. Hall Hardware Store.

## WILL ASSIST STRIKERS

THE UNITED MINE WORKERS WILL LIKELY HELP THE STRIKING CUTTERS AND BUTCHERS.

(By Publishers' Press.)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 23.—There seems to be no doubt here, but that the United Mine Workers will assist the striking butcher workers.

Michael Donnelly, of Chicago, president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters' and Butcher Workers' Association, arrived in Indianapolis last night and met with the executive board of the United Mine Workers to-day for the purpose of securing financial aid from the latter organization.

"Although we have now been striking seven weeks," said Donnelly, "we feel stronger than we did when the conflict opened. The reports that have been circulated to the effect that our men are leaving the ranks are false."

"So far the men who are out have received financial assistance from the organization, and in the future we hope to receive assistance of other labor organizations as we consider this the fight of organized labor."

## TIRED ATTACHE

OF THE STREET FAIR MAKES HIMSELF COMFORTABLE ON THE PORCH OF A MAIN STREET RESIDENCE.

One of the early incidents of the street fair occurred last night. It was nearly ten o'clock when two passers-by discovered a rather disreputable looking man, an attache of the street fair, asleep on the porch of the residence of a prominent upper Main street family. By asking if this was a friend of the family, attention was called to the man's unconventional attitude and stringent efforts were made to awaken him. He was finally persuaded by the aid of a boot toe, and a bunch of keys applied smartly to the soles of his feet to arise to a sitting posture, where he murmured unintelligible compliments against the treatment accorded him. After sufficient reflection he got to his feet and started off, the family retreating to the parlor. Second thought seemed to assure him, however, that he could find no more comfortable resting place, so he turned and again mounted the steps, this time entering the hall and reclining at the foot of the stairs. After a somewhat heated argument he was again persuaded to move on, and this time he was so deeply offended that he did not even pause to look back.

### Arms and Ammunition Found.

(By Publishers' Press.)  
MADRID, Aug. 23.—A sensation has been caused by the finding by the police of 185 boxes of Mauser rifles, bayonets, sabres and cartridges, sufficient to arm six thousand men, which had been hidden in the orchard of the Republican, Juan Ramirez, off Renz. All the arms and ammunition had been made in Germany. The Ramirez family and two of their friends have been taken into custody. The police are informed that other large consignments of arms were en route to Spain and the strictest vigilance has been established to prevent delivery. The officials of the government are very uneasy over the discovery, as it indicates that the pacific Protestants of the Republicans were merely a cover for their plotting.

### Shamrock Fourth to Be Built.

(By Publishers' Press.)  
LONDON, Aug. 23.—A dispatch from Glasgow to the Central News says that Sir Thomas Lipton has offered George Watson, the famous yacht designer, the commission to design Shamrock Fourth, which he hopes to lift the American cup with.

Watson has not yet decided whether or not he will undertake the task, owing to ill health.

Watson designed Shamrock Third, which raced against the Columbia for the American yachting trophy.

### Woman's Body Found.

(By Publishers' Press.)  
BUFFALO, Aug. 23.—The body of the woman who went over the American Falls at Niagara last Wednesday was recovered yesterday afternoon from the Lower Rapids. It has not been identified.

## GIRLS TAKEN HOME

FOLLOWERS OF STREET CARNIVAL TAKEN TO THEIR HOMES IN WELLSBURG—SHERIFF ARRESTED.

The two young girls, Misses Craig and Wilson, who were arrested here yesterday with the Swanson & Sheridan Carnival Company, were taken to their homes, in Wellsburg, this afternoon.

Sheriff J. M. Brown, of Brooke county, arrived this morning and left with them on No. 71.

Joseph Sheridan was arrested yesterday by Chief Morgan on advice from Wellsburg that a warrant was sworn out for him. Charles Knight guarded him all of last night, but to-day Sheriff Brown, who did not have any warrant for him, requested that he pay twenty dollars for the expenses of the trip and then go down to Wellsburg and stand trial, at which time the twenty dollars would be refunded.

Sheriff Brown told a West Virginian man that he believed the girls were in the wrong and were more anxious to go with the show than Sheridan was to have them.

### Consuls Meet Again.

(By Publishers' Press.)  
SHANGHAI, Aug. 23.—Another meeting of the consuls of the various nations was called for to-day by the American consul-general, Goodnow. It will consider the situation created by the inability of China to compel Russia to obey the orders of the Tao Tai, and also to devise means of protecting the foreign settlements, the Tao Tai having notified Mr. Goodnow that China can not do so. The first meeting of the consuls was held yesterday. Word has been received that the viceroy of Nan-Kaing had refused the request of the Tao Tai that a Chinese squadron be dispatched here in order to compel Russia to carry out his orders. On Sunday last the Tao Tai ordered that the Russian cruiser Askold and the Russian torpedo boat destroyer, which put in here for repairs, should either disarm or leave the port as the time limit had expired. The Russian consul here refused to permit the commanders of the vessels to do either, and then the Tao Tai asked for warships to enforce his commands.

### Took a Tonic, Perhaps.

One of our rather well known young men went in the clerk's office the other day to get a marriage license. At the crucial moment his courage failed, and perceiving Mr. Jacobs' absence from the room he began a lame story about having heard Mr. Jacobs had some houses he wished to rent. Upon being positively informed to the contrary, he left the Court-house, but after an interval, in which it is supposed he screwed his courage up to the sticking point, he returned to ask in an embarrassed manner that a license be made out for himself and another party, both of whose names shall be blank.

### Two Weddings Without Names.

Dame Rumor has it one of Hartley's popular clerks will shortly take unto himself a wife, and that daintily furnished rooms are even now awaiting her coming.

One of the Fairmont Coal Company's engineering force, 'tis also said, departed this week for Columbus, O., where a bride awaits his coming, and after the wedding, which takes place on Wednesday of this week, a trip to the St. Louis exposition is scheduled before returning here to take up housekeeping on the South Side.

### Port Arthur's Days Numbered.

(By Publishers' Press.)  
LONDON, Aug. 23.—A telegram to the Evening News from Chefoo says that the Japanese have captured a chain of forts at Port Arthur after a tremendous attack yesterday. Shells from the Japanese guns even reached the harbor.

### THE WEATHER.

#### Two Kinds Again.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—Forecast for West Virginia: Fair to-night, cooler in eastern portion. Wednesday, fair; warmer in western portion.